Steps have been taken to improve flight safety by intensifying the training of Air Crew and Ground Crew to improve their skills. Measures have also been taken to control bird population around air-fields to minimise accidents due to bird strikes. An Inspector General's Branch has recently been set up in Air HQrs. to review the training and maintenance standards in Air Force units and suggest improvement in them a continuing basis..

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. Wg. Cdr. MP Samant was killed in a IAF aircraft accidents in the Central Sector on 25th June, 1986. The aircraft crashed 12 minutes after take off during a night training flight. There was no transmission from the pilot before the crash. A court of inquiry has been ordered.

Proposal to convene meeting of National Integration Council

*3. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to convene the meeting of the National Integration Council to review the implementation of national policies including the language policy;

(b) if so, whether any suggestions in this respect have been received from State Governments;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) to (d) The second meeting of the re-constituted National Integration Council is being convened on 12th September 1986. The agenda of this meeting will be confined to only one item namely; "Welfare measures for minorities in pursuance of the directives of the late Prime Minister".

Leakage of heavy water at Kalpakkam Plant

*4. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been a leakage of heavy water at the Kalpakkam Plant recently;

(b) if so, what has been the extent and the nature of the damage caused thereby; and

(c) what fresh steps have been initiated to prevent any nuclear mishap in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) Heavy Water from Unit-1 of Madras Atomic Power Station escaped into a vault inside the reactor building on 25th June, 1986.

(b) During the incident all safety systems worked normally. There was no damage to the plant or injury to the plant personnel. There was no release of radioactivity to the environment.

(c) Government is constantly reviewing safety of nuclear installations and based on expert technical advice, designs and operating practices at these installations are improved to ensure that mishaps do not occur.

In respect of the incident of Madras Atomic Power Station-1, the Safety Committees have reviewed the sequence of events thoroughly and recommended various checks to be performed prior to restart of the unit. These checks are being carried out.

Sarkaria Commission

*5. DR. (SHRIMATI) SAROJINI MAHISHI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the work of the Sarkaria Commission on Centre-State relations has come to a stand-still;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Commission has expressed its inability to give its report by December 31, 1986;

(c) whether it is also a fact that besides Punjab there are five more states which